

## One Source

By Alvin Petty

Nearly 5,000 years ago, ancient wise men of India began to explore the universe by exploring their own souls and minds in meditation. They came to the insight that the whole universe sprang from one source, an intelligent conscious field that holds everything in existence together. All existence is connected to everything else in this field.

Later, the worlds' great religions called this one Source, God. Still later in these modern times, physicists have named this creative intelligent field the Unified Field. Max Planck, in 1944, called it the Divine Matrix. They ascribe to it the same attributes as theologians ascribe to God, which also happen to be the same qualities the ancient sages used to describe it.

## City Receives 'Clean' Audit

On August 17, John Merriss of Doshier, Pickens & Francis, LLC, an Amarillo accounting firm, told the Hart City Council that the City has a clean audit. He praised City Secretary Marsela Marin—"She is getting better and has made tremendous strides." The audit is for the year ending April 30, 2015.

He said that the City has 16.25 months of reserves of \$209,772. The firm recommends 3-6 months. He said this is fantastic, but cautioned the Council that the public could question the property tax rate, which is \$0.454/\$100 valuation, the effective tax rate, for the upcoming year. For 2015, the rate was \$0.469.

The Utility Fund showed a \$1,808 loss, and a change in net positions from beginning to ending of \$11,135.

In a report that reconciles the balance sheet of governmental funds to the statement of net

## Addison McCraw And Kortney Cox Selected As Winners Of Government-In-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest

Swisher Electric Cooperative annual Youth Tour Speech Contest was held on Monday, October 19, 2015. Congratulations to all students representing Canyon, Happy, Nazareth, Silverton and Tulia who presented speeches. Each student did an outstanding job of representing their schools and communities.

The two winners of an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. in June of 2016 are:

Addison McCraw, Sophomore at Canyon High School, son of Jason and Stacie McCraw of Canyon, Texas

Kortney Cox, Junior at Silverton High School, daughter of Kraig and Keeley Cox of Silverton, Texas

Alternate: McKena McJimsey, Junior at Silverton High School, daughter of Carrie Ann and Doug McJimsey of Silverton, Texas

Since 1965, Swisher Electric Cooperative has sponsored 100 students from ALL area schools (Canyon, Happy, Hart, Kress, Nazareth, Olton, Silverton, and Tulia) in the Texas Electric Cooperative Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Each year these students join representatives from electric cooperatives around the entire country for Rural Youth Day in Washington D.C. and spend a week touring the area and visiting with Congressmen. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representative and exploring the sights around the nation's capital.

position, the net position was \$489,218.

Merriss pointed out that there is an unfunded amount of \$40,989 in the Retirement Fund. He said this could be a "hit" next year to reserves. To possibly remedy this, the Council might consider, he suggested, raising the match. Marin told *The Pulse* that the employees' match is 5%, and the City's match, at the time of the audit, was 2.77%. She said that the Texas Municipal Retirement System manages the City's match. The Council likely could alert TMRS to raise this amount.

At the October 12 meeting, the Council looked at three bids for a fence at the transfer station on 8th Street and Avenue A. This was tabled because two members (Danny Rodriguez and Johnny Carrasco) were absent. The present Council wanted more members present. The bid amounts ranged from \$14,000

to \$18,000.

Also discussed was the purchase of the vacant lots north of City Hall now owned by Dennis Hill and Cindy Studdard. This was discussed a few years ago as a location for a City park. This also was tabled.

At the September 14 meeting, the purchase of City property at the Southwest corner of 8th Street and Ave. D was discussed. Ruth Rodriguez and Steven Rodriguez had purchased the property for \$2,000; it was mentioned that they had, at times, kept the property clean.

*Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.*

—WILLIAM SIMON

*Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like.*

—WILL ROGERS



## TAKE OWNERSHIP

This year's national co-op month theme celebrates how the cooperative business model gives consumers and workers a real stake in their economic destinies.



Swisher Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

